Bear Soldier Bingo

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January 25, 2008

Secretary of State, Chris Nelson
State Capitol, Suite 204
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

RE: Nonprofit Status

Dear Chris Nelson:

On behalf of the Bear Soldier Jackpot Bingo, I am writing to request information on this organization. I was informed that the bingo operation was recognized as a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit corporation through the state of South Dakota. If this organization is not certified as a nonprofit organization, what are the procedures to apply for this status? I kindly request your office do research for the Bear Soldier Bingo business, if it was ever or still considered to be categorized as a nonprofit organization.

According to the yearly audit, this bingo business has a hard time making ends meet nor has it made a profit. Years ago, before the casinos opened their doors, the business was very profitable, but it is hard to compete with the casinos. In making the bingo business a nonprofit organization; it will help with some of the requirements that we face within the Gaming Industry. The owners, (the members) of the Bear Soldier Local District do not want the doors to close. The local district assists the bingo operation financially.

I apologize if I was misinformed; I appreciate your expertise in assisting me with this endeavor. You may reach me at the above telephone number. The office hours are 3:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. (CST) Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Sincerely,

Jackie Brownotter

Jackie Brownotter
Business Manager

Cc: Board of Directors
SR Gaming Commission
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